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Advisory Media availability

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar will meet with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohamed ElBaradei on Friday, January 10, in the Hart Senate Office Building room 306.

The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. Following the meeting, which is expected to last at least 45 minutes, Lugar and ElBaradei will be available to the media Lugar's office, Hart 306.

The IAEA is part of the weapons inspection program in Iraq. Its inspection team in North Korea was thrown out of the country on December 27, 2002. On Thursday, ElBaradei briefed the UN. Also on Thursday, Lugar met with the South Korean National Security Advisor Mr. Yim Sung-Joon regarding North Korea. He has also met this week with Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice.

Lugar is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has inspected Russian nuclear, chemical and biological facilities over the last decade in his oversight of the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program.

In 1994 Lugar and Sen. Sam Nunn were President Clinton's choice to visit North Korea. Their mission was rejected by the North because they were seen as too hard line.

Lugar plans to hold hearings early this year on the governance of post-Saddam Iraq.